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DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

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Mr. Shawn Musgrave
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RE: FOIL Request No.DHSES-12-19

Dear Mr. Musgrave:

This letter is in response to your recent Freedom of Information (FOIL) request to the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES), in which you request certain records, including:

- 1. any requests for proposals, proposals submitted by vendors, contracts, budgets or cost allocations for the purchase and/or use of aerial drones, UAs, UAVs, and UASs (hereinafter "drones");*
- 2. any policies, guidelines, manuals and/or instructions on department use of drones, including on the legal process required (such as a warrant or court order), if any, before operating a drone;*
- 3. any departmental records concerning this department's use of drones now or plans to use drones in the future including:*
 - a. the types of investigations or instances in which this department is using or plans to use drones, or how it plans to support, manage or oversee the usage of drones by another department or office;*
 - b. policies, guidelines, manuals and/or instructions on storage requirements or procedures for video or static images obtained through use of drones, including retention times;*
 - c. the altitude at which drones can or do fly;*
 - d. drones' ability to carry weapons.*

Your request is being reviewed and processed in accordance with Article 6 of the New York State Public Officers Law (including §89(5) if applicable) and a response will be issued no later than twenty (20) business days from the date of this letter.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Linda Messina
Assistant Counsel &
Records Access Officer